

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the case. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-8 and 14 are allowed, and that Claims 9 and 13 would be allowable pending resolution of the objection.

Claims 9-13, 15 and 16 have been objected to under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. By the Amendment dated April 19, 2007, Claims 9 and 13 were amended to include the limitations of Claims 15 and 16, respectively. The Examiner stated essentially the specification does not teach to one of ordinary skill in the art "that when a third of the three buttons is depressed there is manipulation of the lever input device."

Claim 9 claims, *inter alia*, "to scroll within a displayed window by manipulation of the lever input device when a third of the three buttons is depressed." Claim 13 claims, *inter alia*, "to scroll within a displayed window by manipulation of the lever input device when the middle button is depressed."

Respectfully, the claims do not claim a manipulation of the lever due to the depression of a third or middle button, but rather that a scroll function is operated by manipulation of the lever input device when the third or middle button is depressed. The interpretation proposed in the *Response to Arguments* in the Final Office Action seemingly construes the word "when" to imply more than a correspondence in time or circumstance, for example, to imply that a

manipulation of the lever is a consequence of depressing a button, or that the lever is manipulated by depressing the button. No known definition of the word “when” supports such an interpretation. The words “by” and “when” are believed to be precisely employed in Claims 9 and 13. Therefore, the manipulation of the lever input device when the third or middle button is depressed is believed to be described in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time of the application was filed, has possession of the claimed invention.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the forgoing reasons, the present application, including Claims 1-14 are, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner’s early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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